

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment places the claims in the same form as in the Substitute Specification submitted with the filing of the application. Please consider the changes made in the Substitute Specification. The above preliminary amendment was made to remove multiple dependencies in claims 4-14, 16-18 and to insert an appropriate abstract paragraph as required in US practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

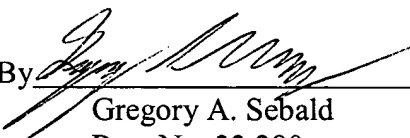
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336-4728.



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